



GRACE MINISTRIES NEWS

FROM THE DESK OF BERT WOODBURN

Welcome to our latest newsletter which we will keep you updated on our latest news.

We hope you had an enjoyable summer and fall. Here at Grace Ministries, we certainly made the most of it. In June we sent a mission team to Casa Hogar Emmanuel Orphanage in Naco, Sonora, Mexico. This fall we added new Bible studies and established several new ministries.

Grace Ministries has been blessed with the addition of a new board member, David Howle. He will be spearheading our new sports ministry. David is well known in North Carolina and beyond for a long career as a high school football coach at Bunn High School, transforming a small town school into a perennial conference and state championship contender.

Though April showers fell from the sky, the annual Prayer Walk in Wake Forest still went on as planned. Christian clergy, chaplains, missionaries and local residents prayed for our government and public servants. On the same day, we partnered with the Youngsville community for a children’s Easter egg hunt, and served over eight hundred people. Our Christian Sporting Clay event was held on June 1 at Rose Hill and David Howle was our guest speaker. One of our board members, who has extensive security training held a self-defense classes. Our women’s ministry continues to grow with two studies being held throughout the year.

Our technology team is working to improve our ministry website. Along with that we are exploring the creation of online Bible study groups for individuals living out of the area. We hope you will visit our website and subscribe to our weekly devotionals.

The goal of our ministry is to love, trust and serve. Philippians 2:4 says, “Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others.” Grace Ministries has been greatly blessed to be able to minister and help support a young man, Victor Gonzalez, and his family.

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**New Bible Study
Tuesday's, 6:00 pm
Charron's Deli,
Youngsville, NC**

FROM THE DESK OF BERT WOODBURN

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We also took a number of student athletes to the Winter Jam Concert this past March. Four athletes answered the call at the concert to accept Christ as their savior.

Grace Ministries continues to foster Biblical stewardship of God's resources throughout the year, including mission-specific campaign and periodic general campaigns. We ask for your continued prayers and financial support of our ministry. Please check out more details about our ministries in the stories in this newsletter and continue to pray for us to reach the lost and equip the saints through our events, mission trips and many open group studies held throughout the week.

God bless you, and may God continue to bless Grace Ministries USA to make disciples by reaching the lost and equipping believers to seek the power of the Holy Spirit.

Your brother in Christ
Bert Woodburn

DAVID HOWLE AND SPORTS MINISTRY

By Scott Yates

Grace Ministries has added sports ministry as part of its outreach to share the Gospel. Members of the sports ministry team will share God's word through sports-related activities. Our newest board member, David Howle, will be leading this ministry. He is well known in North Carolina and beyond for a long career as a high school football coach and athletic director at Bunn High School.

David retired in 2016 from Bunn High School after 34 years of coaching. He won more than 215 football games at Bunn, including 10 or more wins for 11 seasons. He has had 45 players go on to play football at the college level.

One of David's players at Bunn High School, Tarik Cohen, played at North Carolina A&T and now is a star NFL running back for the Chicago Bears. David has coached successful players to scholarships at N.C. State, University of North Carolina, Notre Dame and, in the case of his son Ty, to Penn State, where he was the center on the offensive line and is now a college football coach.

"While winning games is an important goal, shaping the character of young athletes was and is my primary focus," stated David. He reaches out to rural schools in the surrounding counties to meet with the head coaches and their players where he shares his faith and gives motivational messages and often over a meal. He also looks for opportunities to provide Bibles to head coaches.

David's commitment to his players and community was recognized by the United States Congress. In an official resolution, Representative George Holding said, "While Coach Howle built the Bunn football program and a regional powerhouse, it is more important to recognize the impact he has had on thousands of students, parents and staff in the Bunn community. His expectation of his players is to work hard, not just on the field." He added,

"Coach Howle has famously told his team, 'show me your friends and I'll show you your future,' encouraging his players not just to be good citizens, but also to be productive members of society. And no matter the outcome of any game, win, loss, or draw, Coach Howle will always encourage his players to keep their heads up and to look to the future. The lessons Coach Howle taught and the difference he made in thousands of lives will be remembered in his community for years to come."

Grace Ministries is blessed to have David as a new addition to our board. We are excited to see how the Lord will use him in sharing the Gospel with local coaches and athletes. If you would like to be part of this amazing ministry please email Bert Woodburn at gmusabert@gmail.com



New Board member David Howle

MIRACLES SURROUND US

By Scott Yates

Victor Gonzales is an example of how faith in our Lord surpasses all understanding. Especially, given only a whisper of a chance to survive a horrifying workplace accident in January 2018. Today Victor, 21 is walking with a prosthetic leg, driving a car, attending Bible study, eating again and awaiting a small intestine transplant.

As some of you may remember Victor was injured in a ditch while installing storm drainpipes. He was airlifted by helicopter to a hospital in Myrtle Beach, SC and underwent five surgeries in the first week. His small intestine and part of his large intestine was removed, along with one kidney. Victor had been unable to eat food since his accident and lives off of liquid nutrients and vitamins through an IV.

Many milestones have been overcome by the grace of God, but driving his car has a special meaning. Victor said, “the first thought I had when I was told that my leg was going to be amputated was, how am I going to drive my car?” He received a prosthetic leg last October, walked with a walker for about a month and now just uses a cane. In addition, he has been driving his car since last December and it has been a blessing to have some freedom to get around.



Victor Gonzales was presented a new Bible from Grace Ministries during a Bible study by Bob Gallagher, GMUSA President.

This past spring Victor went to Indiana University Health University Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana to be evaluated for his transplant surgery. While going through a battery of tests the doctors were stunned to find Victor still has a small portion of his small intestine, despite the fact that the doctors supposedly removed his small intestines in 2018. Even more amazing, it was just enough that they could re-attach that piece to his stomach which would allow him to eat. Victor is now able to eat food and his body is able to get some nutrients, though he still has to have IV nutrients. No one could explain how the small piece of intestine was never found despite the numerous scans, MRIs and tests he has had. Victor was quick to let the doctors, nurses and staff know that it was a miracle from God.

The journey to recovery has only begun for Victor. In October he left for Indianapolis, Indiana where he will be living for the next few months. He has been placed on the transplant list at Indiana University Health University Hospital. He will be receiving a small intestine and possibly other organs from a deceased donor. This is a sophisticated surgery and is performed less than any other transplant surgery. For now, Victor will be waiting for a match donor. This has not seemed to hinder Victor’s positive outlook and patience. “I know God has something special in store for me,” said Victor. “I am not scared. I am excited about what God has done and only He knows when my body will be able to fully function.”

Recently Franklinton High School had its annual alumni soccer game and Victor was able to make the first kick of the game. “Coach Bert told me that I am a miracle,” commented Victor. “Bert was often there by my side when I was in the hospital and has been there through my recovery.” “Victor is a miracle man,” stated Bert Woodburn, Grace Ministries USA Teaching Pastor. “God’s plan continues to unfold for Victor. He is relentless in his therapy with resolve to continue to move forward despite complicated medical challenges. There have been many bumps in the road, but Victor has embraced all his challenges. God has given him patience and we all know that God’s will is being done. It has been a wonderful gift from the Lord to watch Victor grow in his faith and he has been an inspiration to many of us on his journey,” stated Bert.

OUTDOOR MINISTRY

Grace Ministries has an outdoor ministry that works with small groups and churches with self defense and safety teams. In addition, the ministry organizes hikes, lunches and camping events. All of these take place on a 300 acre farm that the ministry has been gifted to use for ministry outreach.

A biblical approach is taken to teach safety and self defense. While working with various groups there are conversations and discussions on topics of faith and Jesus Christ like: Is the Bible true and inerrant? Are there miracles? Why do bad things happen to good people? Through these opportunities of discussions we are able to present the Gospel.

One method that is used to teach self defense is through a technique called, Krav Maga. Krav Maga is a military self-defense and fighting system developed for the Israel Defense Forces and Israeli security forces. It's derived from a combination of techniques sourced from boxing, wrestling, aikido, judo and karate, along with realistic fight training. Krav Maga is known for its focus on real-world situations and its extreme efficiency. Christian certified instructors and range safety officers come to the farm to perform training exercises.

If you would like more information, directly contact Bert Woodburn at gmusabert@gmail.com

SHARING GOD'S LOVE

By Bob Gallagher



Grace Ministries USA missions team, children and staff at Casa Hogar Emmanuel Orphanage, Naco, Sonora, Mexico.

The response to our annual invitation to Casa Hogar Emmanuel Orphanage in Naco, Sonora Mexico was outstanding. This year's team members were from Friendship Baptist Church, The Pointe Church, Wake Forest Methodist Church, Southbridge Fellowship and Restoration Church. Our focus was to serve the children and staff of the orphanage through construction work; facility maintenance; providing, cooking and serving meals and teaching God's word to the children through vacation Bible school. Most importantly pray, play and love the children.

Why do we go to Mexico? It comes down to being called by the Lord to serve in this capacity and in our belief in God's word. Acts 1:8 says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Helping the children and people of Mexico is a way to show the love of Christ.

This year's mission trip almost didn't take place at the last minute. For the first time in many, many years there was an outbreak of criminal activity from the drug cartel in Naco, Sonora and in the surrounding towns. After much prayer and discussion with officials in Naco and Arizona everyone still wanted to continue with our planned mission trip. Everyone felt that sharing the love of Christ to the children and people of Naco, Sonora outweighed whatever dangers may come about.

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The theme for our mission trip was “be flexible”! Due to the criminal activity, we had to be prepared to make changes in our service projects and activities at a moment’s notice. Instead of our annual trip with the children to the movies, restaurant dinners, trips to town, and other activities, the team created fun things for the children on the orphanage compound. In addition, we were unable to deliver food to the people of the community. Thankfully, we were able to provide financial support to a local church which took on that project for us.

Our construction team made an adult picnic table and a smaller one for the little children, repaired bed frames, fixed leaky faucets and painted the bathrooms. Several of our team members treated all the children for head lice, cleaned all the children’s bedding and sprayed the orphanage for lice.



Baptism of one of the children at Casa Hogar Emmanuel



Celebration of Baptism at Casa Hogar Emmanuel Orphanage

The chapel was cleaned and craft supplies were replenished and organized. Team members brought extra suitcases containing donated clothes, shoes, and other items and they were sorted and distributed.

Since we were unable to take the children on outings, everyone brainstormed on activities we could do for the children on the compound. It was amazing to see how everyone worked together and created some wonderful things for the children to do. One day we had a beach party with blow-up pools, slip and slid, Hawaiian décor, water guns, beach music and a traditional cookout. We had a movie night in the chapel where the children watched “Captain Marvel” and were treated to popcorn, drinks and candy. The most memorable for me was turning the chapel into a restaurant. We prepared an all American dinner of salad, steak, baked potatoes (with all the fixings), string beans, asparagus (which the children have never eaten before) and cookies for desert.

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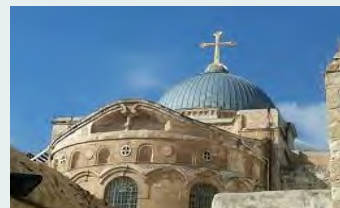
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A JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND!

In 2021, we want to invite you on an unforgettable journey into the Holy Land which is filled with ancient biblical history, culture and spiritual blessings. Visit the places that witnessed the events of such decisive and enduring importance in the history of humanity.

Join us on this life changing tour. For more information on the trip to Israel go to www.graceministriesusa.org

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ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY CLASSIC

By Scott Yates

Grace Ministries hosted our annual Sporting Clay Classic in June at Rose Hill Plantation in Nashville, N.C. Rose Hill Plantation is a picturesque country estate with an 18th century manor house. It is home to a renowned clay target range and has hosted some of the country's elite clay tournaments broadcasted on ESPN.

Participants enjoyed a day of exciting shooting and of competitive fun. "Sporting clays is like playing golf, in the sense that you follow a course and shoot from multiple stations, like holes," stated participant Jacob Woodburn. "Not two sporting clay courses are the same, so you have to adjust your shooting to each individual station on the course. It is crazy with targets coming from all directions," commented Woodburn.

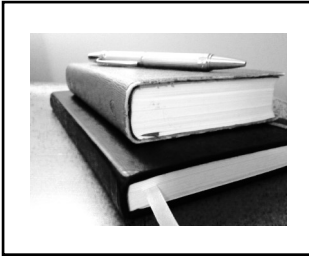
After the competition everyone gathered outside under a magnificent Oak tree and enjoyed a great lunch. To add to the fun of the day a silent auction was held. For two weeks leading up to the event, items were placed online for bidding. There were also additional items at the event to bid on. Allan Sturgis, an attendee of Grace Ministries Bible Studies, led the auction and donated a lot of unique items. There were great antiques, gift certificates to local restaurants and even a microphone autographed by Taylor Swift.

Grace Ministries board member, David Howle, gave his testimony of faith. David was the athletic director and football coach at Bunn High School in Bunn, North Carolina. After 34 years of coaching he retired and has been led by the Lord to introduce the Gospel of Christ to others, especially athletes and their families. David shared a moving message about trials he experienced

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Attendees of the Annual Sporting Clay Classic praying for Gods blessings



A LOOK BEHIND GRACE MINISTRIES USA

By Scott Yates

By now you're probably wondering, "what is Grace Ministries USA and why do their devotionals keep showing up the newspaper?" Simply put, Grace Ministries is here

to serve our Lord Jesus Christ by attending to the needs of individuals and our community.

Grace Ministries USA is a nonprofit, non-denominational Christian ministry in the Wake Forest, north Raleigh and Franklin County area. It started a few years ago under Pastor Bert Woodburn and a Board of Directors who were heavily involved in their respective churches.

The board of directors is made up of men and woman who seek to lead others into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ through ministries that equip and support evangelism and discipleship. This includes various spiritual activities, including discipleship through small group Bible studies, life coaching and Biblical counseling, business chaplaincy, pre-marital and marital counseling, prayer teams, special evangelical events and mission work within the community, region, state, nationally and internationally.

There are Bible studies held throughout the local area at varying times throughout the day and evening, every day of the week, except for Sunday. Grace Ministries USA is always looking for new times and locations to hold a Bible study and discipleship classes. If you are interested in attending any of our these studies please contact Bert Woodburn at gmsusabert@gmail.com

ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY CLASSIC

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Grace Ministries Sports Ministry team will be spearheaded by David and will provide ministry outreach to coaches, student athletes and student families. In addition the ministry plans to provide game day meals and give motivational messages that are God centered and to distribute Bibles. "Football coaching has enabled me to provide a nurturing and supportive Christian environment for high school student athletes and their families. I look forward to sharing that with other schools, teams and athletes," said David.

The Annual Sporting Clay is an outreach event that helps to build relationships and is aligned with our guiding scripture, Matthew 28:19-20 "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Grace Ministries finds common ground with those seeking spiritual enrichment and direction in day-to-day living.

Our ministry believes that sharing God's love is the cornerstone to building relationships bringing the Gospel to the lost, and empowering believers with the boldness to share the Gospel. The Annual Sporting Clay gathering is one of those many events. All funds raised go toward ministry outreach and mission work.

ATTENDEE TESTIMONY ALLAN STURGIS

Many of our small groups meet in restaurants. It was at one of these meetings that we met Allan Sturgis. One morning he stopped by our table and asked what we were doing. We explained that we were doing a study on faith and asked if he wanted to join us. Allan stated, "he needed a group like this and that he had recently lost his wife of forty plus years." Allan started faithfully coming to our study. We gave him a Bible and he followed up his attendance at the study with one-on-one discipleship.

This past May Allan professed Jesus Christ as His Savior. Allan now attends two weekly Bible studies and had started a new Bible study with Bert on Thursday mornings. "His faith is contagious and he is a great encourager to others," stated Bert.

"My faith in Jesus has helped me with healing from the loss of my wife and has given me new hope," commented Allan. Allan has never read God's Word and now he reads it daily. "Grace Ministries USA has given me a new life by sharing Christ with me and through the groups studies I have made new friends." We all have been blessed by Allan.

**GRACE MINISTRIES
LAUNCHES
WOMEN'S BIBLE
STUDEIS**

By Sue Meehan



Sue Meehan

As we work to lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and serve our communities to demonstrate and deepen our faith and trust in God, we conduct much of our daily mission in small-group Bible studies.

As we approach the end of our second year of study together, we all rejoice in the joy of fellowship in Christ as we grow in His love, mercy and grace through the word of the Lord. We have grown in the word of the Lord as we read the scripture each week and discuss answers to questions.

Our one study meets at Panera Bread in Wake Forest on Tuesday

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WEEKLY DEVOTIONALS

For over a year we have been emailing a weekly devotional that challenges men and women to follow Jesus intimately and obediently. We strive for a balance between Biblical teaching and inspiring people to put it into practice. Grace Ministries believes that Jesus calls us to live the truth and make Him known in our communities. That is why we offer the devotional as a free service.

We hope that our devotionals encourage you to follow Jesus more closely, challenge you to live out

your faith and share His love with others

Our weekly devotional is posted at graceministriesusa.org. Email Bert Woodburn at gmsusa-bert@gmail.com and you can have it sent to you.

We hope you will share our devotionals with others. It is a great way to start a faith conversations with your friends and family.

Here is one of our weekly devotionals:

**IT'S LIKE RIDING A BIKE
Devotional**

Philippians 3:2

“Not that I have already obtained all this [knowing Christ fully], or have already been perfected, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.”

As humans, we are born into the world with a sinful nature. As Christians, we strive every day to become more like our Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. But as sinful beings, we must acknowledge that on our own, we cannot reach God or His holy perfection. This is the work of the Holy Spirit within us. This should be an encouragement for doing the work of God.

As children, many of us learned to ride a bike or maybe how to roller skate. And we weren't very good at it when we first started. But we all had someone who helped us get back up; they took hold of us. Philippians 3:12 tells us that our Lord Jesus Christ takes hold of us while we are learning to walk in His ways, just like your parent or sibling took hold of you while you were learning to ride a bike. The first couple of times you fall can be discouraging. Just like recognizing the sin and shortcomings in your own life. It may feel like your instructor wants you to learn to ride more than you do! But as you start to get the hang of it, you take hold of their vision, their goal. Riding that bike becomes a passion for you after it was a passion for whomever was teaching you.

Jesus took hold of you to save your soul from sin and death. He's there to pick you up every time. Don't be discouraged because you are not where you would like to be in your walk with Christ. Take hold of the vision that Jesus has for you, because the Lord will never lead you astray, and our imperfections become inconsequential in the light of His love.

This week, pray about how you can press on as a Christian to improve your walk with God. Meditate on the fact that He is with you every step of the way. If you are not a Christian, to take hold of this saving grace, which Jesus Christ freely offers you.



Community Easter Egg Hunt volunteers

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Following Jesus means loving and serving others locally, nationally and internationally. The phrase “serving the Lord” can be fulfilled in many ways. The purpose is to praise God and to Him be the glory. This past year Grace Ministries has been able to partner with various organizations and serve members of the community. Our goal is show the love of Christ and build relationships with the lost by serving others. Here are just a few ways in which we are serving Christ within our community.

Annual Wake Forest Prayer Walk

Grace Ministries led the Annual Wake Forest Prayer Walk on April 13, 2019. Due to bad weather the prayer walk was moved inside the Forks Cafeteria. That didn't stop the participants who gathered to pray for public employees, elected and appointed officials, and those that live in the community. A special thank you goes out to The Forks Cafeteria for donating 100 hundred lunches for the first 100 registered participants and to Food Lion for providing bottled water.

Community Easter Egg Hunt

A community Easter Egg Hunt was held in the Youngsville, NC on April 13, 2019. Grace Ministries partnered with the Youngsville Kiwanis Club, other clubs and area churches to put on this event. Our sports ministry team received volunteer help form a local high school girl's soccer team to do event set-up, break-down and run the children's games. In addition, we gave out free popcorn and sold water. The proceeds from the water went to help local area children. Rain did not deter the attendees, which were 800 strong.

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GRACE MINISTRIES WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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mornings. By having a study in a public place we are able to welcome new women to our study. We were blessed to have an employee of Panera Bread join our study. We were able to give her a Bible, study book and help her discover the joy of Jesus.

This fall the women are doing a study in the book of Ruth. We meet Tuesday, 9:30 am at Panera Bread in Wake Forest.

Our Thursday evening women's group meets at 6:00 pm and has just started. They are doing a twelve week study titled “Calm My Anxious Heart: A Woman's Guide to Finding Contentment” by Linda Dillon. This study covers topics such as being content with your circumstances, who you are, your role and your relationships.

Through our women's ministry we want to lead women to accept Christ as Lord and Savior, maintain a healthy love relationship with Him and share Him with others. Please pray for the spiritual growth of our attendees and that the

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE

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We used silverware and china dishes from the home we were staying in. All the children and staff dressed up for the meal. One of our team members was a host and announced each child and they were escorted by waiter/waitress to their table. The meal was served just like it would be in a restaurant. I will never forget the joy on the children's faces as they were catered to.

Our vacation Bible school team focused on the miracles of Jesus with following lessons: Jesus' first miracle, filling the nets, calming the storm, healing of the daughter of Jairus and feeding the five thousand. A few of our talented team members wrote a Christian rap song in Spanish for the children. It was so awesome to watch the children learn to sing the song. To tie in the miracles of Jesus we were able to Facetime Victor Gonzales while he was in the hospital in Indiana. Victor gave his testimony of faith to the children in Spanish. Close to the end of the week a number of children accepted Christ and four asked to be baptized as a profession of their faith.

The week went by fast and life long memories were made with the children, staff and team members. It is a gift from the Lord to be able to serve the children and staff of Casa Hogar Emmanuel. There is nothing like being pulled from your comfort zone and do things for God you have never done before. If you are interested in joining our mission team for next summers trip please email Bert Woodburn at gmsabert@gmail.com

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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Winter Jam Concert

Grace Ministries sponsored eleven local area teens to attend the Winter Jam Concert on March 24, 2018. Winter Jam is an annual American music tour featuring contemporary Christian music, comedy performance and a tour speaker. It was a blessing to see four young ladies in our group accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Our woman's ministry team followed up with discipleship and gave the girls Bibles and journals.



Winter Jam 2018



Sports Ministry Day

Sports Ministry Day

This fall Grace Ministries sports ministry team partnered with the Youngsville Kiwanis and a local men's soccer team and held a Sports Ministry Day at Franklin Wake Soccer Park. From morning to late afternoon the Franklin Wake Soccer Club holds club soccer games for children of all ages. A local men's soccer team held a morning soccer clinic for the children. Then afterwards members of Grace Ministries and Youngsville Kiwanis helped the soccer team cook hotdogs and distribute them along with bottled water to all the children playing soccer. The hot dogs and water were free and over three hundred were given out. This event was so successful that plans are being made to do the same next fall.



Our Daily Bread at Franklinton United Methodist Church

SHARING CHRIST ONE MEAL AT A TIME

By Bob Gallagher

Our Daily Bread is a soup kitchen that provides a nutritious meal every Monday at lunchtime at Franklinton United Methodist Church social center. It is a community outreach program hosted by Franklinton United Methodist Church and is supported by ecumenical volunteers from various denominations and para-church organizations. Over 40 lunches are served and between 15-20 take-out meals for those who are housebound or those that simply need an extra meal. When school is closed the number of people served increases with the attendance of families.

Each week a meal is planned, and grocery shopping is done. Early on Monday morning volunteers arrive to start cooking, set-up the social hall, and set tables. With every meal a salad, dessert and drink are provided. After the meal dishes are washed, area is cleaned up and takeout meals are distributed. In addition, to providing a meal, fresh, canned and packaged food is distributed. Volunteers go to the Raleigh Food Bank and local grocery stores to pick up food donations.

Bob Gallagher, Grace Ministries president and chairman is the primary planner and chef for Our Daily Bread. "I have been volunteering at the Daily Bread for three years. It is a way I can show my love for Jesus and gratitude for all He has done for me", said Gallagher. "I have the wonderful opportunity to deliver a gospel message to everyone, as well as pray for their concerns and praises before we ask the blessing over the meal", remarked Gallagher. We give thanks to Grace Ministries USA, United Methodist Men of Wake Forest United Methodist Church and the Franklinton Fire Department for their financial support and donations of turkeys for the Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen.

TESTIMONIES

"Attending Bible studies brought me even deeper to exploring my faith and relationship with Christ. Grace Ministries has opened many doors to strengthen my faith through the Holy Spirit and experience God not only everyday, but on more occasions throughout the day. Since joining Grace Ministries, I have learned more about how we are called to share God's love by reaching out to others. Our groups are open to exploring life's difficult questions and, together, exploring the truth revealed in scripture. Together, we equip and support each other on mission to reach out to others and serve as disciples."

- Scott Yates

"I attend several Grace Ministries Bible study groups and my growth as a Christian has been a miracle. Our studies of scripture and discussions have transformed my life from an atheist nonbeliever to someone who believes in the Lord and loves Him. I now have great faith. I feel my Bible studies with Pastor Bert, reading scripture, attending church and participating in Sunday school have all strengthened my faith and Christian growth.

- Chip Phipps

“Your gift changes lives and helps us share God’s love with people every day.”

Bert Woodburn,
Teaching Pastor
Grace Ministries USA

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

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Grace Ministries USA is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit, non-denominational Christian organization dedicated to strengthening the faith of those who trust in Jesus Christ and to building relationships with those who are seeking to learn more about Christ, His teachings and His significance to our lives.

We are known for building meaningful relationships, one-on-one and through small groups. Small group approaches help us walk together through the Bible searching for answers to our lives—answers that provide meaning, purpose, fulfillment, peace and hope to our individual lives.

We are asking you to prayerfully consider making a monthly, annual or one-time donation. We cannot enlarge our ministry reach without your financial support! Even if a monthly financial commitment is “small” in your eyes, all commitments are huge to us and add up to substantial, reliable support!

To support Grace Ministries USA go to the following link: <http://www.graceministriesusa.org/donate/> or mail your donation to: Grace Ministries USA, P.O. Box 595, Wake Forest, NC 27588

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